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Venice, January 26. N. S.

WE have had violent Storms here for ſome time, by which ſeveral Veſſels belonging to this Republick, have been caſt away in the Gulf. The Britiſh Ships, the William and Thomas, the Warren, the Gardiner and the Weſtbury, are arrived here. They write from Rome, that Monſignor Patti was returned from Palermo with ample Inſtructions for adjuſting the Differences between his Sicilian Majeſty and the Pope. On the 17th a Congregation was held, in which the Cardinals were acquainted with what had been done in relation to the Affairs of Sicily, and their Opinions were deſired in what manner the Court of Rome ſhould proceed. The ſame Day the Cardinal de la Tremouille, and the Marquis de Prie, had likewiſe two long Audiences of the Pope upon the Affairs of that Kingdom. Frequent Expreſſes arrived from Ferrara, upon occaſion of the Boats laden with Salt that had been ſunk there. Letters from Naples bring an account, that the Spaniſh Troops lately come from the Coaſts of Tuſcany, were upon their March to Manfredonia, where they are to imbark for Fiume. The Vice Roy having received advice from Sardinia, that a Tumult had happen'd there among the Peaſants in the Mountains, ſent a Tartan with Diſpatches for the Vice Roy of that Kingdom.

Hanover, January 30. N. S. Yeſterday we received an account, that the Duke of Wolfenbuttel's Diſtemper was grown more dangerous, upon which the Princes and Princeſſes of that Houſe, who came to ſpend the Carnaval here, ſet out this Morning for Brunſwick. Monſieur de la Metche, the Emperor's Second Plenipotentiary at the Congreſs which is to be held at that Place, is arrived there, but none of the other Miniſters are yet come. We are inform'd, that the States of Sweden now aſſembled have declared, that they will ſend no Plenipotentiaries to that Congreſs. They have likewiſe refuſed to give their Conſent to the execution of the Treaty for the Sequeſtration of Pomerania, for fear of diſpleaſing the King, and it is thought they will engage in no Buſineſs, but what relates to the Defence of the Kingdom 'till his Majeſty's return. In order to which, they have reſolved to raiſe ſome new Forces, amounting in all to Twelve thouſand Men, and to fit out a Fleet early in the Spring.

Hamburgh, February 2. N. S. The King of Pruſſia has given Orders to all his Officers to be in a readineſs to march within two Months. His Majeſty has fix'd on the Firſt of May for his own Journey to Konigsberg, in order to be Crown'd there. A few Days ago the Danes being in purſuit of ſome of their Deſerters, drew near the Fortreſs of Tonningen, and the Governor imagining they had a Deſign to Surprize the Place, order'd his Men to Fire upon them, which, it is ſaid, they interpret to have been an Act of Hoſtility. General Ducker is gone to meet the Duke of Mecklenbourg at Roſtock, in order, as is ſuppoſed, to conclude a Treaty for the Sequeſtration of Wiſmar. Lieutenant-General Lieve is ſent by the Princeſs-Regent of Sweden to give the King a true Account of the Affairs of his Kingdom, and to aſſure him, that the Aſſembly of the States was not convened with any Intention to encroach in the leaſt upon the Royal Authority, but that the preſent Conjuncture had made it abſolutely neceſſary. He is alſo inſtructed to deſire his Majeſty will declare his Mind in relation to a Treaty of Peace with the Allies of the North; that he will name ſome Miniſter to aſſiſt at the Congreſs of Brunſwick; and that he will be pleaſed to return as ſoon as poſſible into his own Dominions. General Taube is appointed by the Nobility of Sweden to go on their Part to the King, and he is to be accompanied by the Deputies of the Clergy, the Burghers, and the Peaſants. The States of that Kingdom have already raiſed Twenty ſeven Regiments of Foot and Ten of Horſe. In caſe of Neceſſity they have obliged every Family to provide a Man, and it is ſaid they were unanimouſly reſolv'd to Sacrifice every thing to the Defence of their Country.

Berlin, February 3. N. S. His Majeſty is expected here this Evening from Potſdam, and it is ſaid the new Battalion of Grenadiers is likewiſe to come from thence, and to remain in Garriſon at this Place. The Hereditary Prince of Heſſe-Caſſel has reſign'd his Pruſſian Regiment of Foot, with the King's Approbation, to his Brother Prince George, who is arrived here in order to take Poſſeſſion of that Command. Baron Goertz is gone to the Court of Hanover, and yeſterday Baron Manteuffel, Envoy of King Auguſtus, ſet out for Dreſden.

Hague, February 9. N. S. Yeſterday the Duke d'Oſſuna, and the Marquis de Monteleone, Plenipotentiaries of Spain, received an Expreſs from their Court. Baron Huguetan d'Odyk, who went lately from hence to Muſcovy, has been Sworn Privy Counſellor to the Czar, and is likewiſe appointed to go his Envoy Extraordinary to the Circle of Lower Saxony. We have receiv'd advice from Radſtad, that the Couriers diſpatch'd by Prince Eugene, and Mareſchal Villars, to their reſpective Courts, were returned with an account, that the Preliminary Articles of Peace were not approv'd of, upon which the Conferences between thoſe two Generals broke off, and the Prince ſet out for Vienna. There has been a Rumour for ſome Days in theſe Countries, of extrordinary Warlike Preparations on the Confines of Lorrain, and that conſiderable Bodies of Troops were in Motion towards the Provinces of Bouloign and French Flanders, but upon the ſtricteſt Enquiry it is found that theſe Reports had